

EXETER FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

November 12, 2015 - 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Location: Exeter Public Library
773 Ten Rod Road
Exeter, RI 02822**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by the Chair, Kevin Rooney.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Robert Pacheco; George Lieb; Kevin Rooney; Bill Haas. Charles Franklin arrived at 7:20 p.m. Andrew Slater and Robert Johnson absent. Also present, Peter Ruggiero, Rescue Chief Lawrence, and two members of the public.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Minutes (10-14-15)

Mr. Haas made a motion to approve of the Commissioners meeting minutes of 10-14-15. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pacheco. The motion passed unanimously by all members present. Mr. Franklin was not present.

5. Treasurer's Report

None.

6. Communications

Chief Lawrence received two letters about town residents being billed for Rescue service.

7. Old Business

A. Tax Collection Policies

Two tax collection policies were reviewed by the Board and were discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Pacheco to approve and was seconded by Mr. Haas, all in favor (no Franklin).

8. New Business

A. Mutual aid to Coventry

Keep as it currently is.

B. Discussion of pay increases for EMS personnel.

This was tabled until next meeting.

C. Purchase Security

Chief Lawrence will get pricing and option to improve current system.

D. Resident Billing

Chief Lawrence submitted an advisory opinion from Department of Health and Human Services Wash. DC. Much discussion took place. Resolution was agreed upon and is below.

E. Authorization for Debit card for EMS Chief

Chief Lawrence requested a credit or Debit Card for EMS use, to save money on supplies and other expenses. Discussion took place concerning dollar limit. A motion was made by Mr. Lieb to authorize a \$2000 card, seconded by Mr. Franklin, all in favor. Mr. Ruggiero will draft a resolution and send it to Mr. D'Orsi.

9. Reports

A. Tax Collectors Office

Board was in receipt of Trial Balance Report and Collections Report, the board was concerned what this information actually was. Chair will get a meeting together with Mr. D'Orsi and Mr. Johnson.

B. EMS Chief

Chief Lawrence reported on status of monthly happenings. Request grant for exhaust removal system was not approved. Chief also talked about concerns with Rescue 1, 100,000 miles and repairs.

C. Exeter Fire Dept. #1

Air pack grant was successful.

D. Exeter Fire Dept. #2

All quite at station.

10. Administrative Issues

None

It was announce that the next meeting of the Board will be at 7:00pm on December 10, 2015 at the Exeter Public Library. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Pacheco, Jr

District Secretary

EXETER FIRE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION

WHEREAS, the Exeter Fire District Board of Commissioners established the Fire

District's, Emergency Management Services ("EMS") Division after a voter of the electors at an annual meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Fire District Board of Commissioners have undertaken the management

and operation of the EMS Division in a manner to best serve the needs of the Exeter community;

and

WHEREAS, during the ordinary course of business, the Fire District Board of

Commissioners became aware that insurance billing practices for rescue service runs were not being conducted in the best interest of the service needs of the Exeter community; and

WHEREAS, the Fire District Board of Commissioners were informed that a wavier

program exists, whereby upon an authorizing vote by the Board, the revenue received from local

real estate taxes used to fund the Fire District can be used as payment of otherwise applicable

cost sharing amounts due from residents under current insurance reimbursement and billing

practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Exeter Fire District Board of

Commissioners hereby authorize use of the waiver option, so-called, to apply to Exeter residents

for rescue services provided by the EMS Division and that the Chair of the Fire District Board of

Commissioners be authorized to execute any and all documents, forms, letters of authorization

and such other documents as are necessary to effect this decision of the Board of Commissioners.

The RESOLUTIO,N shall take effect immediately upon the date hereof.